

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. through 19. (Canceled)
  
20. (New) A method for providing images to a user, the method comprising:
  - (a) periodically capturing a plurality of images with a plurality of cameras, wherein the plurality of cameras are located at a camera site, wherein each of the captured images provides a corresponding view of the camera site;
  - (b) transmitting at least a portion of the captured images to a server;
  - (c) processing the captured images, wherein the act of processing comprises identifying one or more images of interest among the captured images, wherein the act of identifying one or more images of interest comprises referencing an interest definition memory, wherein the interest definition memory comprises a hierarchical list of interest values for characteristics of views corresponding to captured images; and
  - (d) periodically transmitting image data to a user's system, wherein the periodically transmitted image data comprises one or more of the images of interest.
  
21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the act of identifying one or more images of interest comprises detecting motion of a moving object within the one or more views corresponding to the processed images.
  
22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein a plurality of the views include the moving object, wherein the amount of motion of the moving object varies among the plurality of views, wherein the amount of motion of the moving object is greatest in one view of the plurality of views, wherein the act of identifying one or more images of interest comprises selecting the image corresponding to the one view having the greatest amount of motion of the moving object.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the act of periodically transmitting image data to the user's system comprises transmitting the selected image corresponding to the one view having the greatest amount of motion of the moving object.

24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the act of detecting motion of the moving object is performed by a motion detector.

25. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the moving object is a person.

26. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the moving object moves from a first view of the views to a second view of the views, wherein the act of periodically transmitting image data to a user's system further comprises:

transmitting the image corresponding to the first view having the moving object,  
and  
transmitting the image corresponding to the second view having the moving object.

27. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the act of processing is performed by a camera management system located at the camera site.

28. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the at least a portion of the captured images transmitted to the server consists essentially of the one or more identified images of interest.

29. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the Internet is used for performing one or both of the acts of transmitting at least a portion of the captured images to the server or periodically transmitting image data to the user's system.

30. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the act of identifying an image of interest comprises identifying a first image of interest and a second image of interest, wherein the

view corresponding to the first image of interest is different from the view corresponding to the second image of interest such that the view corresponding to the image of interest changes, wherein the act of periodically transmitting image data to a user's system further comprises:

transmitting the first image of interest to the user's system, and  
transmitting the second image of interest to the user's system.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the view corresponding to the image of interest changes during a first time period, wherein the acts of transmitting the first and second images of interest to the user's system are performed at respective times separated by a second time period, wherein the second time period is longer than the first time period.

32. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the act of periodically transmitting image data to a user's system further comprises:

transmitting a first image of interest to the user's system, and  
transmitting a second image of interest to the user's system,

wherein the second image of interest is different from the first image of interest, wherein the act of transmitting the second image of interest is performed after a predetermined minimum amount of time has expired.

33. (New) The method of claim 20, the method further comprising:

- (a) receiving a user rating relative to the identification of the one or more identified images of interest; and
- (b) using received user ratings during performance of the act of act of identifying one or more images of interest.

34. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the act of periodically transmitting image data to the user's system further comprises re-transmitting an image that has been previously transmitted to the user's system.

35. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the act of periodically transmitting image data to the user's system further comprises transmitting an image identifier in lieu of transmitting an image.
36. (New) A system configured to perform the method of claim 20.
37. (New) A method for providing images to a user, the method comprising:
- (a) periodically capturing a plurality of images with a plurality of cameras, wherein the plurality of cameras are located at a camera site, wherein each of the captured images provides a corresponding view of the camera site;
  - (b) periodically transmitting at least a portion of the captured images to a server;
  - (c) processing the captured images, wherein the act of processing comprises identifying one or more images of interest among the captured images, wherein the act of identifying one or more images of interest comprises referencing an interest definition memory, wherein the interest definition memory comprises a hierarchical list of interest values for characteristics of views corresponding to captured images, wherein one of the characteristics comprises the presence of movement within a given view; and
  - (d) periodically transmitting image data to a user's system, wherein the periodically transmitted image data comprises one or more of the images of interest.
38. (New) A system configured to perform the method of claim 37.
39. (New) A system for providing images to a user, the system comprising:
- (a) a plurality of cameras, wherein each of the cameras is operable to periodically capture images, wherein each of the captured images provides a corresponding view;

- (b) an image selection module, wherein the image selection module comprises an interest definition memory, wherein the interest definition memory comprises a hierarchical list of interest values for characteristics of views corresponding to images captured by the cameras, wherein the characteristics include motion within the views, wherein the image selection module is configured to select images of interest from the images captured by the cameras based on an amount of motion within the views corresponding to the captured images, wherein the selection of images of interest by the image selection module is performed in accordance with the hierarchical list of interest values; and
- (c) a server, wherein the server is configured to receive images captured by the cameras, wherein the server is further configured to periodically transmit image data to a user, wherein the image data transmitted to the user comprises first and second images of interest selected by the image selection module, wherein the first and second images of interest are captured by separate cameras of the plurality of cameras.